



# Eastminster Messenger

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## Exploring Eastminster

Today let's explore a part of Eastminster where you have probably never been – The Music Room. The Music Room is on the second floor of Totten Hall and occupies the entire South West corner, between the Music Director's office and Room 202, the adult Sunday School room. It is second only to The Place, the youth area, in the amount of open space, and is where the choir practices on Thursday evenings from September through May. EPC has had a dedicated choir and the position of Director of Music from its beginning. Alanna Keenan has held that position since 2018, and is so talented and so appreciated for all her hard work year-round.

Although the room is seldom used during the day, it has an entirely different character than as it is lined with windows and flooded with sunshine. There is little furniture. As with any learning area, there are bulletin boards and chalk boards, but the focus of the room is the baby grand piano. It is circled by chairs for the choir members and the Director's music stand. But the main characteristic of the room is storage – rows of file cabinets, open shelves, enclosed storage, and locked areas. Most of what is stored is sheet music and hymnals collected over the years, but also one area holds choir robes and another, costumes which have been used over the years for the Christmas pageants and other productions. There is a second entrance into the Music Director's office off to one side.

Of interest, Roland Small's bass is here, donated following his death, and also a Baldwin electronic organ, unused, donated by Jim and Diane Van Cleave. It is large and elaborate and a small tag labels it as a "Cinema II" model so it is easy to envision it as having come from an old theater where the organist accompanied silent films! But no, it was given following the death of Jim's mother, an accomplished organist, who only had it in her home. At times Donna Cooke's Harp is here because of the logistics of transporting it, and Donna often takes advantage of the quiet to practice. And there are two cases against one wall marked "Hand Chimes". Did you know that Eastminster had a Hand Bell choir at one time? Yes, years ago when Joseph Choi served as our music director, he organized and trained a group of adults and youth who presented during the Christmas Eve service one year. Those hand bells were on loan to us and the choir disbanded when they were returned. These are clearly a later acquisition.

If you would like to visit the Music Room, please schedule a time through the office or speak with Alanna. She would love to have you visit on a Thursday evening this Fall, will help you find a seat in the appropriate section, will provide you with music, and will welcome you to the fellowship of the choir.



## Prayer Requests

### Please pray for:

Tid Turner, Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, Jerry, Ginny Schroeder, Peggy Pennington, Lydia, Bekah, Dave & Barbara Moran, Mike Naas, Betty Sue Foster, Tatum Turpin, Larry Wheat, Sandra Hess, and the people of



Come to Youth Group  
Every Sunday at 6 P.M.!



## Conversations on Faith & Membership

### August 13 and 20 in Fellowship Hall

Newly visiting Eastminster or interested in learning more about faith and/or membership with the church? We're excited to share upcoming conversations on Sundays August 13 and 20 at 10 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Gallery or see Pastor Ryan if you have any questions. Looking forward to sharing together with you!

### FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Sunday, August 6, from 10:00-10:30 and immediately after church your child is invited to pick up free school supplies. Each child is invited to bring a friend from outside the church to receive free school supplies also! Join us!



### Noah's Ark is Back

During the Children's Sermon our children are encouraged to put their offerings into the Noah's Ark model that has been returned to the chancel area for this purpose



### Sunday, August 6th

### Blessings for

### Back to School!

As is our tradition at Eastminster, we want to celebrate and ask God's blessing upon the beginning of this school year. All students, preschool through adult, are invited to bring their backpacks or lunch boxes to our 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 6th and place them by the communion table for this special blessing.

During worship we will lift up students of all ages, dedicating them to God's glory as they begin a new school year. Teachers, aides, principals, administrators, secretaries, cooks, librarians, janitors, and bus drivers and other school workers are also invited to join us for this blessing and to be affirmed in their vocation.

Please join us for this special celebration and blessing. Don't forget your backpack!



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